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**The Times they are a changing**

By Adam Krebs  
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MONROE — The Year 2023 represents the 125th consecutive year of publication of the Monroe Times. While our official anniversary is Oct. 13, we are commemorating this milestone mark all year long.



**Adam Krebs**

As editor, part of my job is to give a reflection of our local communities into the newspaper.

In 2020, with Cheese Days on hold, we ran a Swiss Heritage special section. My particular story was about the history of Turner Hall, and when laying out the cover, I found the Goudy text font to duplicate

the logo on the Turner Hall building.

It's actually a pretty familiar font in the region, with many other longtime local businesses using a variation of the font, like Roelli Cheese, Puempel's Tavern and the New Glarus Hotel.

When I first joined the Times newsroom in 2008, then-editor Jeff Rogers mentioned to me one day about editors changing the header "as a rite of passage." Back then, as a fresh young 23-year-old in the newsroom, I began thinking of creating a new logo with my own twist.

In 2020, shortly after the Swiss Heritage section was published, I took over as editor, and the wheels in my head began to spin with ideas of a new masthead.

While I couldn't just overhaul the Monroe Times logo on a whim — especially a logo with very little alteration for nearly three decades — I could begin planning, so I did. There

were a few hiccups along the way, but when the 125th anniversary was a sight in the nearby future, I pushed my idea around the office.

Like I said, our current logo hasn't changed in 15 years, and mostly minor changes have only minor other changes have occurred dating back to 1993.

In fact, while there have been a few tweaks here and there, the paper has only had a handful of major logo changes.

Throughout the first 75 years of the company, the masthead at the top of front page was practically the same: "MONROE EVENING TIMES" was in all-caps and spaced out evenly across the entire top of the page. In 1905, the paper's 7th year, the first letter of each word was slightly raised, only for the paper to revert back in 1920. Founder Emery Odell

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**STORIES BEHIND THE STARS**

**1st Lieutenant Charles H. Krueger**



Photo supplied by the family of Charles Krueger

By Krista Finstad Hanson  
For the Times

During World War II, the 462nd Bomb Group activated for service in 1943. The Bomb Group first flew the new Boeing B-29 Superfortress in combat against Japan in the China-Burma-India (CBI) campaign. The 770th Bomb Squad was based at the Piardoba Airfield in India, flew over the Himalaya mountains to a forward base at Kiunglai, China, from which they attacked targets in Japan, Burma, China and Indonesia.

Monroe airman, Charles H. Krueger, served with the 462nd Bombardment Group, 770th Bombardment Squadron of the US Army Air Forces.

Charles Herman Krueger was born October 2, 1920 in Green County, Wisconsin to Charles Edward and Dora (Asmus) Krueger. From 1904 to 1948 the Charles and Dora Krueger family lived in Monroe Township in Green County, Wisconsin. Father Charles was a dairy farmer who had his own farm.

Charles Krueger graduated from Monroe High School in 1936. The following year he was chosen Green county's Holstein project champion, winning a summer camp scholarship in 1938 as 'the best 4-H boy in the state interested in a dairy project.'

He also won the Green County Bankers association scholarship toward a college education as the outstanding 4-H club member in the county, representing the county at the state fair in 1939, and being adjudged, with Ralph T. Elmer, New Glarus, 'the state's outstanding boys working on dairy and grain projects.'

In 1937, he entered the University of Wisconsin, graduating in Agricultural Engineering in 1941 with honors including Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Zeta. Next, Krueger taught Agricultural Engineering at the

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**Stories Behind The Stars**

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Fallen soldiers from Green County will be highlighted in the Monroe Times.

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**Booze, snow plow involved in New Year's crash**

By Gary Mays  
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MONROE — Police have not released the name of a Brooklyn man who was severely injured in a complex, multi-vehicle crash involving a Rock County snow plow in the opening hours of 2023.

According to the Rock County Sheriff's Office, the crash happened just before 1:24 A.M., and deputies responded to the scene on N Hwy 14 and W Holt Rd in the Town of Union. Slippery roads and alcohol also contributed to what amounted to a series of two crashes, which closed North Hwy 14 for about two

hours. "Upon arrival and investigation, it was discovered a southbound SUV driven by a 23-year-old male from Brooklyn, WI lost control and began to slide sideways into the northbound lane of traffic," police said in a statement. "A northbound Rock County Highway Department plow truck driven by a 43-year-old male from Janesville, WI struck the SUV in the northbound lane. The SUV split into two pieces, the rear end went into the ditch on the west side of the roadway, the front end came to rest in the southbound lane of traffic."

Then, as the SUV driver got out of his car and was standing

in the doorway, police said another collision occurred. "A second crash then occurred approximately 1-2 minutes later when another southbound car struck the front end of the vehicle in the southbound lane of traffic," said the statement. "The front end of the vehicle then struck the driver of the SUV and both entered the ditch on the east side of the roadway. The front end of the vehicle landed on top of the driver pinning him underneath."

According to police, the driver of the SUV sustained injuries characterized as "life-threatening" and rushed to UW Madison. He also was arrested for 1st offense OWI,

police said. Attempts to get his identity from the sheriff's office were unsuccessful on Monday, a holiday due to the New Year's weekend.

Meanwhile, the also unnamed driver of the plow truck was uninjured and the driver of the other involved car sustained only minor injuries and was treated on scene.

Additional personnel assisting at the expansive crash scene included those from: Evansville Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's Office, Evansville Fire Department, Brooklyn Fire Department, and Fitch-Rona Fire Department.

The crash remains under investigation, officials added.

**Ruling expected in murder case**

By Gary Mays  
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MONROE — A judge is expected to decide whether statements an Albany teen suspect made to police about the murder of his infant son can be used against him in his upcoming murder trial

Logan Kruckenberg-Anderson, 16, at the time of the 2021 murder, is being tried as an adult in the case. He is charged with one count of first-degree intentional homicide and one count of moving/hiding/burying the corpse of a child, after allegedly shooting baby Harper two years ago. The teen parents had attempted to hide the pregnancy.

Kruckenberg-Anderson has remained in Green County Jail throughout the case.

Also In custody at the time of one of his interviews, on Jan. 11, 2021, Logan-Anderson allegedly described for detec-

tives shooting Harper twice with a .22 caliber weapon before he put her in a backpack and attempting to hide her in a downed tree not far from his Albany home.

But as part of his upcoming trial, Kruckenberg-Anderson's defense team argued late last year to suppress his statements to police during a series of three interviews in late 2011 following the baby's disappearance: One beginning after midnight on Jan. 9 and early on Jan. 10 at the Brodhead Police station as authorities continued to frantically search for the missing child; another at the Albany police station after leading police to the infant's lifeless body; and a third one while in custody for the crime at Rock County Jail.

The next scheduled hearing for Kruckenberg Anderson is set for 1:30 p.m. Jan 25, before Circuit Judge Thomas J.

Vale. The last brief filed by the defense in support of his motion to suppress statement was filed on Dec. 20. A jury trial is scheduled for March 6 in Vale's courtroom.

If convicted, Kruckenberg-Anderson faces life in prison.

The ordeal of baby Harper led state officials to pass a Safe Haven Laws bill aimed at informing Wisconsin teenagers of their options for safely leaving infants without legal action.

"This bill stems from a tragedy involving a newborn baby, Harper, who was found murdered earlier this year in Green County," said Rep. Todd Novak, a Republican and co-author of the bill.



**Kruckenberg-Anderson**

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## Obituaries

### ROBERT "BOB" BOCKLUND

Robert "Bob" Bocklund, age 77 of Albany passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2023 at the SSM Health Hospital in Monroe. He was born on September 5, 1945 the son of Carl and Eva (Listy) Bocklund. He graduated from DeKalb High School.



Bob married Edith Dennison on July 25, 1970 in Sycamore, IL. He worked at a variety of jobs over the years, Dick's Supermarket, Pleasant View Nursing Home, Swiss Heritage Cheese Factory, home construction, and as a diesel mechanic. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose. Bob enjoyed playing cards, especially Euchre. He also enjoyed bingo, hunting, fishing, and Packers.

Robert is survived by his wife, Edith; children, Shan Bocklund of Madison, Anthony Bocklund of Madison, and Mindy Bocklund of Albany; sister, Betty Bernehl of Sycamore, IL; and his three furry girls Ellie, Gracie, and Molly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Doris Hughs, Mildred Griswold, Beverly Morrison, Julia Wood, and Janet Carraher; and brothers Floyd (Sunny) Arnold, Carl Jr., and Dale Bocklund.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2022 at 2:00 PM at SHRINER HAGER GOHLKE Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Perger officiating.

A visitation will be held on Thursday from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at: shriner111.com.

## Monticello Police

On Nov. 7  
 • At approximately 4:20 p.m., Officers were contacted in reference to a minor motor vehicle crash that occurred in

a parking lot. This was in the 300 block of S. Main Street. No injuries were reported. A motor vehicle crash report was completed.

## Pedestrian killed before holiday weekend

MONROE — A young man lost his life just before the New Year's holiday, apparently while trying to cross a busy road on foot in Stephenson County.

The crash happened just before 2:50 p.m. Dec. 30 on Business 20 West, just west of Lilly Creek Road, authorities said in a statement. That's the location in rural Freeport where police found the victim -- a 22-year-old man whom police still had not named as of the newspaper's Monday deadline.

"During an ensuing investigation, it was determined that the decedent was a pedestrian who had been struck by a

westbound vehicle," police said. "The involved vehicle was found stopped alongside the roadway near Business 20 West near Harlem Center Road and the female driver, who is uninjured, is currently being detained while the investigation is being completed."

Police said they would not release the victim's name pending notification of relatives.

A number of area agencies responded to the crash, including Lena Police and Freeport Rural Fire Department.

— Gary Mays

## Brodhead Police

On Nov. 17:

• 12:02 p.m., Police responded to the 900 block of W Exchange St. for the report of Disorderly Conduct; a subject causing a disturbance. Contact was made and the matter was resolved.

• 2:33 p.m., Police responded to the 1600 block of 1st Center Ave. for the report of Disorderly Conduct; a subject threatening another person. Contact was made and a warning was issued.

On Nov 18:

• 9:32 a.m., a 93 year old Brodhead man was cited in the 800 block of 6th St. for Improper Passing of Stopped School Bus.

• 9:42 a.m., Police responded to the 1300 block of 13th St. for the report of an Animal Problem; a dog at large. Police located the dog but could not apprehend it. It was later returned home by a neighbor.

• 10:48 a.m., Police responded to the 100 block of E 3rd Ave. for the report of Littering; trash being dumped in a yard. There are no suspects at this time.

• 10:42 a.m., Police responded to the 2100 block of W 9th Ave. for two reports of Theft. Contact was made for both cases and warnings were issued.

• 2:55 p.m., Police responded to the 300 block of 3rd St. for the report of a Hit and Run Traffic Crash. This matter remains under investigation.

• 4:59p.m., Police responded to the 500 block of E 9th Ave. for the report of an Animal Problem; a dog at large. The owner was contacted and a warning was issued.

On Nov 21:

• 11:28a.m., a 41 year old Darlington woman was cited in the 100 block of 1st St. for Operating after Suspension.

• 2:36p.m., a 53 year old Evansville woman was cited in the 600 block of 1st St. for Speeding.

• 3:06p.m., a 42 year old Batavia, IL, man was arrested in the 1000 block of W Exchange St. on a warrant issued by the Green County Sheriff's Office.

On Nov 22:

• 12:31p.m., Police responded to the 2100 block of W 9th Ave. for the report of Disorderly Conduct; a subject causing a disturbance. Contact was made and a warning was issued.

• 6:11p.m., a 29 year old Brodhead man was cited in the 1100 block of E 9th Ave. for Operating without a Valid Driver's License.

• 7:27p.m., a 25 year old Brodhead man was cited in the 100 block of E 9th Ave. for Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance / No Proof on Person.

On Nov 24:

• 4:14p.m., Police responded to the 1000 block of 19th St for the report of an Animal Problem; dog at large. After a brief stay in doggy jail, the owner was located.

On Nov 25:

• 5:02p.m., Police responded to the 1500 block of 1st Center Ave for the report of verbal Disorderly Conduct in a business. Contact was made and a verbal warning was issued.

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."*

— First Amendment

## Times

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was the editor for both changes.

In 1975, the first major change came, with "Monroe" stacked on top of "Evening Times". The next year, a new font was donned altogether, with a piece of cartoon cheese joining the mix, while "Monroe Evening" was shrunk and outside of a box than wrapped around a thick, large-font "Times". In 1977, the logo moved off the top of the front page and was more centralized above the fold. However, the very next year the paper returned to the original page header.

By 1982, advertisements began running above the masthead, and in 1986, a black box inverted the text color of the masthead, and the two versions would flip back and forth for a decade.

In 1993, a new font and rearrangement of the structure took over the masthead once again. "The Monroe Evening" was all-caps, but a smaller font to the side of a new, larger "Times" font. In 1996, "The Monroe" was moved above the "Times", with the "T" taller than the lowercase "imes". "Evening" was dropped from the logo entirely — in fact, the newspaper hasn't

officially gone by as the "Monroe Evening Times" since.

The next year, the "imes" was capitalized again. The final change came in 2007, when the capital "T" in Times was lowered to match the rest of the word, and the historic Green County Courthouse joining the masthead.

And that is where we sat for 15 years — until now.

The Goudy font isn't unique in the newspaper industry: In fact, many other major publications use a variation of it, like the New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times and the Miami Herald. The font signifies a connection to the 19th century (or before). It is "old" looking — classical almost. It's not gimmicky, it's not a new, modernized or digitized look.

It has a sense of history; of professionalism; of stature. The Monroe Times has won the Weekly Newspaper of the Year award in Wisconsin in three of the past four years, and given the Swiss and Germanic heritage of the area, I thought it was the perfect font to connect our paper and readers of today with the generations that came before us in the state line region.

— Adam Krebs is the editor of the Times. He can be reached at editor@themonroetimes.com.

## THE MONROE TIMES MASTHEAD THROUGH THE YEARS



1899-1974  
1978-1983



1975



1976-77



1984-92



1993-96



1997-2006



2007-22

## Krueger

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University of Minnesota prior to entering the armed forces. In Minnesota, he was credited with design of a successful blower for the new Harvestore silo.

On February 15, 1942 Krueger registered for the WWII Draft in Dane County, Wisconsin. He enlisted for service in Madison with the U.S. Army Air Corps Reserve on September 2, 1942, entering service in November. He was an Air Cadet at the Corp's Technical Training at Yale University in December 1942. After being commissioned, Lt. Krueger trained for specialized duties as a flight engineer on the new superfort at Boeing in Seattle, Washington where he was stationed with the U.S. Army Air Forces.

On June 13, 1943 Krueger married Patricia Ryall from Kenosha, Wisconsin at the Chapel-on-the-Hill, Fort Lawton in Seattle, Washington. They lived in Salina, Kansas, while his crew for the CBI theater was formed at Hays, Kansas, where he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in March 1944. Lt. Krueger's crew left for the CBI theater on April 6, 1944, after which he acquired more than 200 hours of combat flying. His twin sons were born later on April 19, the same day he received his lieutenant's bars. Overseas, he was based in India and was on the first mission made by B-29s over the Japanese mainland.

1st Lieutenant Krueger was reported missing on a December 7th, 1944 bombing mission over Mukden, Manchuria (now Shenyang, Liaoning, China).

From the December 26, 1944 Kenosha Evening Times, article titled "1st Lt. Charles Krueger Missing on B-29 Mission," report-

ed "1st Lt. Charles H. Krueger, 24, husband of Mrs. Patricia Ryall Krueger ... is missing in action with a B-29 crew in the China-Burma-India theater of the war, according to a formal War Department notification..."

The April 17, 1946 Monroe Evening Times article titled "Krueger Death Declared Official," stated "First Lt. Charles H. Krueger, missing in action since Dec. 7, 1944, now is presumed dead, according to a war department communication ... Date of death was established by the government as April 6, 1946.

Surviving, besides his widow and parents, are twins [sons]... who will be two...; and three sisters, Mrs. Elverado Cox, Pine Island, Minn.; Mrs. Ray Ferdinand, Rochester, Minn.; and Mrs. Mark Riley, Rivermines, Mo. A sister, Verna, passed away 27 years ago this month in the influenza epidemic which followed World War I..."

Lt. Krueger is one of 1,316 WWII servicemembers from Wisconsin with MIA status. There is a memorial stone for Lt. Krueger in Greenwood Cemetery in Monroe and a plaque in UW's Agricultural Engineering Building. Lt. Krueger was also memorialized at Manila American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines. He received the Air Medal and the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously.

Thank you, 1st Lieutenant Charles Herman Krueger, for your service to and ultimate sacrifice for this country. We honor you and remember you.

— Krista Finstad Hanson is a teacher, writer, and historian. She is a volunteer researcher and writer with the Stories Behind the Stars project, which aims to honor the 421,000 + fallen soldiers from World War II.

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— Lao Tzu

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